**Toliver’s Secret: Theme Test Comprehension Strategy and Skill Review**

1. *Making Inferences:* Does Ellen think that Grandfather’s message is important? How can you tell?
2. *Predicting Outcomes:*Do you think Ellen will agree to deliver the message? Why or why not?
3. *Summarize:*  Summarize Grandfather’s directions to Ellen by telling the most important parts in your own words.
4. *Compare and Contrast:* Both Paul Revere and Ellen Tolliver are asked to deliver messages for the Patriot army. Why do you think they are chosen?
5. *Compare and Contrast:* Katie in *Katie’s Trunk* is in a Loyalist family and Ellen is in a Patriot family. What similar effect does the American Revolution have on both of them?
6. *Making Judgments:* Do you think that Ellen made the right decision to deliver the message? Why or why not?
7. *Noting Details:* Why does Ellen’s mother not want her to deliver the message?
8. *Following Directions:* The directions in “Games of Young America” (Anthology page ) are listed in steps. What might a list of steps for delivering Grandpa’s secret message look like?
9. *Drawing Conclusions:* Grandfather doesn’t think anyone will notice Ellen dressed as an urchin. What conclusions can you draw from this information?
10. *Noting Details:* Why does Ellen become a little frightened when she stares at herself in the mirror?
11. *Making Generalizations:* Grandfather tells Ellen not to try to hide the bread. Generally speaking, how do people react when they see someone who is trying to hide something?
12. *Author’s Viewpoint:* Based on what you know and have read, what do you think about the Patriots and their actions? Do you think any of the authors of any other selection in this theme share your feelings?
13. Do you think any of the authors of this theme’s selections have a different viewpoint of the Patriots than you have?
14. *Making Inferences:* How do Ellen’s mother and grandfather feel about Ellen’s trip? How can you tell?
15. *Predicting Outcomes:* Do you think that Ellen will be able to deliver her message successfully? Explain.
16. *Summarize:* Use what you wrote on your Cause and Effect Chart Graphic Organizer to write a summary of *Tolliver’s Secret.*
17. *Compare and Contrast:* Why do you think Ellen and Katie from *Katie’s Trunk* are able to act with such courage?
18. *Noting Details:* What details does the author give about clothing to help readers remember the setting of this selection?
19. *Making Inferences:* How do you think Ellen feels at the end of this story? How can you tell?